

On motion, the question was put, that the bills of credit commonly called red money, be received in discharge of the county assessment? Resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the bills of credit commonly called red money, be received at par in payment of confiscated British property? Resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; president, honourable John Henry, James M'Henry, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Richard Barnes, and William Hindman, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable Edward Lloyd, Esq;

On motion, ORDERED, That Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; prepare a message, to accompany the resolution directing the treasurer of the western shore to receive red money at par with specie.

Messieurs Brevard and Ogle, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 23, 24, 25, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 12, 1783: Read and assented to.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president the following message, which was read, and, with the resolution directing the treasurer of the western shore to receive red money at par, sent to the house of delegates by James M'Henry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 12, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected your resolve of the 11th instant, by Messieurs Magruder and Wilkinson, directing the treasurer of the western shore to receive the bills of credit emitted by the act, entitled, An act for the emission of bills of credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds, on the security of double the value in lands, to defray the expences of the present campaign, because it is improper to repeal a law by a resolve, resolves not having the same public notoriety, force and efficacy, as laws. We will give our assent to a bill for directing the treasurer of the western shore to receive at par the aforesaid bills of credit, in payment of confiscated British property sold for the redemption thereof, provided that the said bills of credit be also directed by the act to be received at par in payment of county assessments.

By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Messieurs Burges and Griffith, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill to settle and pay the civil list, and the other expences of civil government, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 12, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE cannot but consider the bill for the payment of the civil list as a money bill, and therefore subject to no amendment by your honours. By a rule of this house, before any person is named to any office or appointment, to which any salary or allowance is annexed, the allowance or salary is first to be ascertained. The reason of this provision is obvious, to prevent any opinion that the salary is given to the person and not to the office, and the choice of the officer removes all suspicion of partiality or prejudice. We do not think the salaries allowed by our bill profuse or extravagant, and we cannot go into a reconsideration of them without departing from our rule, and subjecting ourselves to a censure we would wish to avoid.

We agree with your honours, that the salaries to the chancellor and judges ought not to be settled by an annual regulation, but ought to be secured to them during the continuance of their commissions, and as soon as we can furnish a permanent and perpetual fund out of which their salaries can be paid, we will send you a distinct bill for that purpose, and we hope this will be in our power before the expiration of the year. We have returned your honours the bill, and hope it will meet your assent.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the defence of the state, and to impose certain duties, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates, with the following message, by John Henry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 12, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to the bill now sent up to us for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles, as it is drawn conformably to the amendments by us proposed to a bill sent us up for a similar purpose, and for the present waive our privilege, though it contains some of the clauses we insisted by our message should be struck out of the former, on account of the length of the session, and our earnest desire of bringing it to a close.

By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.
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